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SUBJECT: PRODUCTION, EXPORTS AND VALUE OF COFFEE FY 1970-71

1. FOLLOWING ARE DATA FOR COFFEE PRODUCTION AND THE QUANTITY AND VALUE OF EXPORTS FROM FY 70-71 THROUGH FY 76-77:

FY PRODUCTION - BAGS EXPORT - BAGS VALUE U.S.

OF 60 KILOS	OF 60 KILOS	DOLLARS
1970-71 543,000	358,463	18,779,636.89
1971-72 575,000	311,919	16,092,892.35
1972-73 540,000	323,445	20,930,322.95
1973-74 555,000	309,883	24,337,699.50
1974-75 560,000	297,862	18,863,533.97
1975-76 600,000	445,625	45,492,047.12
1976-77		
(EST) 540,000	345,000	45,000,000.00

2. DATA ON HAITIAN COFFEE PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS ARE UNDERSTATED. TRADITIONALLY, HAITIAN EXPORT TAXES ON COFFEE HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER THAN COFFEE EXPORT TAXES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. CONSEQUENTLY CONSIDERABLE HAITIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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COFFEE, PERHAPS 15,000 BAGS, IS SMUGGLED ACROSS THE BORDER IN ORDER TO AVOID HAITIAN TAXES.

3. ROASTED COFFEE PRICES IN PORT AU PRINCE CONTINUE TO RISE AND ARE NOW ABOUT \$3.30 PER LB. FARMERS CONTINUE TO GET HIGHER PRICE, RECEIVING FROM \$1.50-\$1.80 PER LB. ONE SOURCE REPORTED THAT SOME FARMERS ARE NOW GETTING \$2.00

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